

No Killa

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Author's Note: This comedy sketch idea is a thickly-veiled attempt to provide the audience a way to look at one of the many things people have subconsciously wondered, throughout the ages, about mad dictators of their day: "Just how far could this nutcase go?"

[ALL (approx. 6 men and women in their mid-twenties) are sitting around a cheap apartment watching television. As soon as a commercial comes on they immediately redirect their attention to each other on cue.]

THUG G

This is what we gotta do, we gotta make a video and put it on YouTube, we can make some real bling, yo.

THUG STEVENSON

YouTube. I'm always hearing about dat.

THUG PUG

We can do a movie about gangstas, you know, like us.

THUG CHARLIE

Actually, dis is somethin' I've been meaning to bring up.

THUG PUG

Yeah, what's dat?

THUG CHARLIE

Alright, I'm not sure how to put dis. Everyone's sayin', you know, we're not convincin' as gangtas. Yo, I don't know why dey doin' dis. I'm just telling you.

THUG STEVENSON

Okay! But, so dat's why it's really good for us to do dis video for YouTube, right? 'Cause den everyone can see how gangsta we are!

THUG ROBERTA

So, but how are you gonna look gangsta? 'Cause I'll say it, I mean, I was one of the people saying we don't look gangsta enough. Don't look shocked! We gotta, if dah person playing dah killa isn't.... he's really gotta be convincin'. Right? So it ain't gonna be you, 'kay, and it ain't gonna be Thug G, okay? I don't think any of you would be able to play dah killa. We might just as well remake "Gone With The Wind" instead, or somethin'.

THUG CHARLIE

I could play dah killa! I bet I could – you gotta let me show you! I - wait (motioning at the TV set), it's almost over, I gotta see dis, wait a second.

[ALL watch the TV in rapt attention for a few moments, as a love scene can be heard closing the movie, apparently an old movie. The music swells, and apparently the movie has ended.]

THUG CHARLIE

Okay, so as I was sayin', I bet I could play dah killa real good. I can act all, like, I mean, quick, tell me somethin' to say, I'll say it just like a killa would.

THUG STEVENSON

Who? You? Empty threats, man! Any killa stuff you say gonna jus' soun' like empty threats. Not believable.

[ALL except THUG CHARLIE break out laughing. THUG CHARLIE is infuriated, and pulls out a switchblade knife]

THUG G

How about me? I could play dah killa.

[THUG G also pulls out a switchblade knife, activating the blade. This prompts THUG CHARLIE to activate the blade on his switchblade.]

THUG PUG

I'll be the directuh. You guys figuh out who's gonna be dah killa.

THUG ROBERTA

And somebody's gotta write somethin'.

THUG G

Yeah, yeah, I saw all about dis on a talk show, to make a movie, dey get somebody who writes stuff. Dat's what we gotta do, we gotta write somethin'.

[ALL nod their heads in agreement. Their primitive "discussion" of how they might put together the YouTube video continues, interrupting periodically when something important comes on the TV. Competition over who among them might get to play the killer escalates, becoming a thinly-veiled fight over who can prove himself a true gangsta. One by one they kill each other off.]

THUG CHARLIE

(after killing THUG PUG) Geez! Thug Pug was gonna be the director, right? Man! Dat means I gotta direct myself.

THUG G

You ain't playin' dah killa. Everybody knows you ain't no killa.

THUG CHARLIE

No? I just killed Thug Pug.

THUG G

Well, okay, yeah.... Okay, but anybody coulda done dat, I coulda if I wanted. But I mean, you're not really a killa.

[This continues until only two are left, THUG CHARLIE and THUG ROBERTA, who talk animatedly about their new ideas for their YouTube video, pausing periodically when something important comes on the TV.]

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